International Movement for Free and Emancipating Education

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For a society consisting of self-determined in individuals free and emancipating education is irreplaceable. Students in many parts of this world are struggling against so-called "neoliberal" reforms and the continuous efforts to privatize the public education system in "their" country right now. Last year (2007) hundreds of thousand students, teaching staff, pupils, workers and parents got actively engaged against the commercialization of education in more than 30 countries around the world.

Public education systems, from kindergarten to university, must prioritize emancipating aspects, be free and accessible to all. A democracy only exists, if society consists of emancipated and self-determined individuals, that are able to critically reflect their (social) environment, developments and power structures. Any system, that doesn't fulfill these criteria is not a democracy.

We need free public education systems, that serve the public as a whole and don't primarily function as a research platform for private businesses and as providers for the labour market with human capital.

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